SUBJECT No. 159.

Malnad improvement.

Messrs. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Information may kindly be furnished regarding the detailed and full programme of work drawn up by the Malnad Improvement Committees for the year 1914-15 and also of progress made hitherto in the various schemes.

(*b*) Arrangements for affording greater facilities for medical relief in the malnad may kindly be expedited.

(*c*) The employment of public funds in weeding out or removing lantana under present conditions may be prohibited.

(*d*) Elementary Education Regulation may be put in force extensively in the malnad.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah added that lantana once removed would grow again and suggested that an agreement should be taken from the people that they would keep the ground free from lantana for a stated period, and that otherwise public funds would be wasted.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao and *C. Subba Rao* also spoke on the subject. *Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao* said that the Malnad Improvement Committees were in favor of burning lantana in summer. *Mr. Subba Rao* said that some villages in the Hunsur taluk were completely overrun by lantana growth and that many had been deserted. *Mr. Srinivasa Rao* said that legislation was necessary.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) The committees will be asked to publish the programmes and progress reports locally. The proceedings of the Central Committee may be published in the Gazette.

(*b*) Being expedited.

(*c*) Noted.

(*d*) Noted. It is a question of funds.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Decimation of the malnad population.

Mr. H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Reasonable facilities may be afforded to the official and non-official gentlemen to study in detail the causes for the decimation of the malnad population with a view to obtain fuller information regarding the many forces that have been operating adversely in the said area.

Reply of Government.—Whatever is possible is being done. The Deputy Commissioners will afford all reasonable and needful facilities.

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SUBJECT No. 161.

Rules pertaining to *Dharmadarsis.*

Messrs. Dodda Payanna, Hassan taluk, K. Tammiah and Kesavadasiengar, Belur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The object of Government is frustrated by not appointing *Dharmadarsis* periodically and not clearly defining their powers. In order that the intention of the Government may be fulfilled, it is desirable